

**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, June 28,  
1782, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe  
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Richmond June 28. 1782.

Dear Sir

I am sorry to have had no opportunity or shod. have answer'd yr. favor by yr servant sooner, indeed shod. have wrote by him but was so unlucky as not to see him in town. I have been much distress'd upon the subject of Mrs. Jefferson & have fear'd, as well from what you suggested yrself as what I have heard from others, that yr. report of each succeeding day wod. inform me she was no more. Indeed this was a while reported & believ'd, but I flatter myself that in this instance I shall experience that common fame, who when she has propagated reports unfavorable to myself & friends I have rarely found to be groundless, has fail'd & that it may please heaven to restore our amiable friend to health & thereby to you a friend whose loss you wod. always lament, & to the children a parent who no change of circumstance cod. ever compensate for. You will forgive this obtrusion on an affair wh. tho' greatly you are not singly interested it, & as I necessarily suppose you are entirely engaged in an attention to & discharge of those tender duties wh. her situation unhappily requires, from you & so anxious & deeply interested in the prospect of an event wh. so materially concerns the peace & tranquility of yr. family, I shall forbear to trouble you with an answer to that part of yr. letter wh. respects yr. retreat from public service. This I shall postpone either till I see you or till I hear the situation of yr. family will leave yr. mind more at ease & leisure to attend to a disquisition of the kind & in the meantime beg leave

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to assure you that nothing will give me so much pleasure as to hear of Mrs. Jefferson's recovery-

-ry, & to be inform'd of it from yourself. I forgot in my last to inform you I had receiv'd the parliamentary debates & annual register from Mr. Buchanan & to assure you I will keep them for ever as a testimony of your friendship & esteem. Believe me to be, Dear Sir, very sincerely your friend & servant, Jas. Monroe

P.S. Your letter to Pelham I sent off instantly & receiv'd a verbal message by my servant that no answer was necessary. You have perhaps heard of my appointmt. in Council. Engag'd as you are in domestic duties permit me to assure you I wish, so soon as circumstances will permit you, to correspond regularly with you & to have yr. advice upon every subject of consequence.

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